

Justification for Proposal and Preliminary Environmental Description Form

INTRODUCTION: The questions on this form and its supplements are designed to obtain enough data about the proposed project site to allow the Commission, its staff and others to adequately assess the project. By taking the time to fully respond to the questions on the forms, you can reduce the processing time for your project. You may also include any additional information which you believe is pertinent. Use additional sheets where necessary, or attach any relevant documents.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. NAME OF PROPOSAL: San Bernardino County Consolidated Fire District Reorganization
2. NAME OF APPLICANT: County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors acting as the governing body of the San Bernardino County Consolidated Fire District, County Service Area 70 and all Board-governed special districts having fire and emergency medical powers.

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3. GENERAL LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: Thirty-two separate areas of the County as identified by the Board-governed district boundaries comprised of twenty-seven legal districts and five ambulance areas. The application also includes all unincorporated areas of Board-governed fire districts, county service areas and the area commonly referred to as the "unfunded fire protection area".

4. Does the application possess 100% written consent of each landowner in the subject territory?
YES ___ NO XX If YES, provide written authorization for change.

5. Indicate the reasons that the proposed action has been requested.

The San Bernardino County Consolidated Fire District is a combination of 27 separate fire districts and five ambulance areas that result in a very complicated budget process, and one that requires excessive accounting and management for each legal entity. This structural reorganization will reduce the number of legal entities managed by the new district, including reductions in audits, budgets, fixed assets and revenue accounting. The newly formed fire protection district and its four regional improvement districts would better meet the needs of the citizens within its jurisdiction boundaries through regional or countywide approaches for various revenue enhancement programs verses their individual community approach currently in place. In addition, it will also allow an efficient utilization of resources within the newly formed fire district, verses assigned to a community, which will ultimately produce a more effective and streamlined response to the needs of the citizens.

6. Would the proposal create a totally or substantially surrounded island of unincorporated territory?
YES ___ NO XX If YES, please provide a written justification for the proposed boundary configuration.

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL

1. Total land area (defined in acres):

Approximately 10,880,000 acres

2. Current dwelling units in area:

The San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) has estimated the current dwelling units for 2005 as 170,610.

*(estimate includes the combination of the Cities of Fontana, and Grand Terrace and the Town of Yucca Valley, unincorporated areas, and the Cities of Needles, and Adelanto and Hesperia Fire Protection District that contract with SB County Fire Dept.)

3. Approximate current population in area:

The San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) has estimated the current population in area as 484,426.

*(estimate includes Fontana, Yucca Valley and unincorporated areas combined)

4. Indicate the General Plan designation(s) of the affected city (if any) and uses permitted by this designation(s):

All levels and intensities of land uses as depicted on their respective general plans within the City of Fontana, City of Grand Terrace, Town of Yucca Valley, (overlain by County fire agencies presently) and the City of Adelanto, City of Hesperia, and City of Needles which currently contracts for services from the San Bernardino County Fire Department

San Bernardino County General Plan designation(s) and uses permitted by this designation(s):

Resource Conservation (RC) District, Agriculture (AG) District, Rural Living (RL) District, Single Residential (RS) District, Multiple Residential (RM) District, Office Commercial (CO) District, Neighborhood Commercial (CN) District, Rural Commercial (CR) District, Highway Commercial (CH) District, General Commercial (CG) District, Service Commercial (CS) District, Community Industrial (IC) District, Regional Industrial (IR) District, Institutional (IN) District, Floodway (FW) District, Planned Development (PD) District, Specific Plan (SP) District.

5. Describe any special land use concerns expressed in the above plans.

There are areas included which have Williamson Act contract restrictions, military reservations, Indian lands, etc.

6. Indicate the existing land use.

The full range and intensity of land uses are included within the boundaries of the proposed reorganization and sphere of influence change – these include Residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, recreational, and resource conservation.

What is the proposed land use?

No change will take place through the proposed sphere of influence review/reorganization of the County Fire Districts.

7. For a city annexation, State law requires pre-zoning of the territory proposed for annexation. Provide a response to the following:

Not applicable

- a. Has pre-zoning been completed? YES ___ NO ___
b. If the response to "a" is NO, is the area in the process of pre-zoning? YES ___ NO ___

Identify below the pre-zoning classification, title, and densities permitted. If the pre-zoning process is underway, identify the timing for completion of the process.

8. On the following list, indicate if any portion of the territory contains the following by placing a checkmark next to the item:

Non-applicable.

- ☐ Agricultural Land Uses ☐ Agricultural Preserve Designation
☐ Williamson Act Contract ☐ Area where Special Permits are Required
☐ Any other unusual features of the area or permits required: _____

9. If a Williamson Act Contract(s) exists within the area proposed for annexation to a City, please provide a copy of the original contract, the notice of non-renewal (if appropriate) and any protest to the contract filed with the County by the City. Please provide an outline of the City's anticipated actions with regard to this contract.

Not applicable

10. Will the proposal require public services from any agency or district which is currently operating at or near capacity (including sewer, water, police, fire, or schools)? YES ___ NO XX If YES, please explain.

*This reorganization will not place any major burden upon any public service agency. The growth that may occur throughout the newly formed Fire District may only require utility services for any new fire stations built, which will be few and dispersed throughout the County thus not impacting any one agency.

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

1. Provide general description of topography.

Areas extend from the Valley to Mountain to Desert areas of San Bernardino County.

2. Describe any existing improvements on the site as % of total area.

Residential 10% Agricultural .50%

Commercial 2.50% Vacant 85%%

Industrial 2.0%

Other:

(This estimate includes Federal Lands)

3. Describe the surrounding land uses:

NORTH- Various land uses within the County of Inyo and the State of Nevada

EAST- Various land uses within the State of Arizona

SOUTH- Various land uses within the Counties of Riverside and Orange

WEST- Various land uses within the Counties of Los Angeles and Kern

4. Describe site alterations that will be produced by improvement projects associated with this proposed action (installation of water facilities, sewer facilities, grading, flow channelization, etc.).

None.

5. Will service extensions accomplished by this proposal induce growth on this site? YES ___ NO XX
Adjacent sites? YES ___ NO XX Unincorporated ___ Incorporated ___
6. Is this project a part of a larger project or series of projects? YES ___ NO XX If YES, please explain.

NOTICES

Please provide the names and addresses of persons who are to be furnished mailed notice of the hearing(s) and receive copies of the agenda and staff report.

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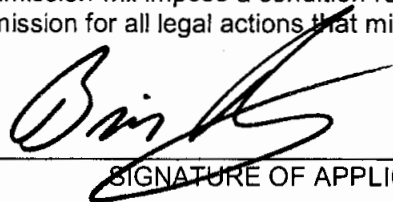
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the statements furnished above and in the attached supplements and exhibits present the data and information required for this initial evaluation to the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements, and information presented herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if this proposal is approved, the Commission will impose a condition requiring the applicant to indemnify, hold harmless and reimburse the Commission for all legal actions that might be initiated as a result of that approval.

DATE _____



SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Bill Postmus

PRINTED NAME OF APPLICANT

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

TITLE

PLEASE CHECK SUPPLEMENTAL FORMS ATTACHED:

- ☒ ANNEXATION, DETACHMENT, REORGANIZATION SUPPLEMENT
- ☒ SPHERE OF INFLUENCE CHANGE SUPPLEMENT
- ☐ CITY INCORPORATION SUPPLEMENT
- ☐ FORMATION OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT SUPPLEMENT
- ☐ ACTIVATION OF LATENT POWERS SUPPLEMENT

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